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MORE BIG GAINS BY FRENCH, BRITISH AND AMERICANS

RIVER PIRATE PLOT TO STEAL \$500,000 IN WAR SUPPLIES

Three Arrests Made in Move to Break Up Water Front Gang.

FOR PORT'S GOOD NAME.

Barge Captains Said to Have Been Bribed and Plundered Carted Away.

Investigation by Federal agents in co-operation with county officials of what is believed to have been a gigantic plot to steal upward of \$500,000 worth of cotton, silk, quicksilver, brass, copper, tin, leather, foodstuffs and hospital supplies destined for Government use in the prosecution of the war, led to-day to the arrest and arraignment of three men before Judge Wadhams in General Sessions.

The prisoners are Harry Gertner and Henry Solomon, junk dealers of No. 102 Tompkins Street, and Louis Abrams of No. 483 Thadford Street, Brooklyn. They had just been indicted on a charge of having received stolen goods and were committed to the Tombs to await trial in bail of \$2,500 each.

James Chapman of No. 617 West One Hundred and 79th Street and Joseph Rosenblock of No. 201 West 113th Street were arrested at the same time and held in \$7,500 bail each on a charge of having stolen 125 bales of cotton from the lighter Scardine early in January.

These alleged acts of river piracy were revealed to the Court by Assistant District Attorney Alexander L. Forke after six months' co-operation with P. J. Doherty, Superintendent of the Property Protection of the United States Railroad Administration; District Attorney Swann, Police Commissioner Enright, other officials and a number of detectives.

Investigation began after thefts

W. H. NEWMAN DIES AT THE HOTEL BILTMORE

Chairman of New York Central Directors Had Been Ill for Several Weeks.

W. H. Newman, for many years Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New York Central and one of the best known railroad executives in the country, died in his room at the Hotel Biltmore shortly after 1 o'clock to-day. Mr. Newman has been ill for several weeks and latterly had been confined to his room under the care of physicians and nurses.

Mr. Newman was born in Prince William County, Va., Sept. 6, 1847, and was educated in private schools in Kentucky. The ruin of his family's fortunes by the Civil War forced the young man to turn to the first employment that offered and he became a railroad switchman on the Texas and Pacific Railroad at Shreveport, La. In 1883 he was made traffic manager of the Southwestern system. In turn he became traffic manager and Vice President of the Missouri Pacific, Vice President of the Chicago and Northwestern and the Great Northern. President of the Lake Shore Railroad, and in 1901 he was chosen President of the New York Central.

CAPTAIN WHO TORPEDOED LINER LUSITANIA KILLED BY MINE LAID BY BRITISH



Capt. Lieut. SCHWEIGER
Schweiger, Who Slew Women and Children, Lost When U-88 Hits Floating Missile.

LONDON, Aug. 10. CAPT. LIEUT. SCHWEIGER, commander of the German submarine that sank the Lusitania, has been killed, according to information revealed here to-day.

Schweiger has been missing from the German Navy since September, 1917. At that time he was in command of the U-88 and was cruising in company with another U boat when they found themselves in an unknown British mine field. The commander of the other U boat heard a tremendous explosion as he came to the surface. Nothing was seen of the U-88.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE GIRL LEFT HOME TO GO TO WORK

Writes Her Mother She Tired of Living There and Has Found Employment.

"I am safe and perfectly contented," wrote Natalie Roystone, the twenty-one-year-old daughter of Mrs. Marie Roystone of No. 222 Riverside Drive, who has been missing since Wednesday morning, in a letter to her mother to-day.

Mrs. Roystone posted the letter in New York last night. Her mother refused to admit she knew her daughter's exact location. Miss Natalie wrote that she was tired of living at home and that she obtained a position in the city where she could earn some money.

Mrs. Roystone does not know whether Natalie will return to her home on the Drive or not and is prostrated. The young girl has a brother, Edward, who is a private in France. He enlisted a year ago.

Natalie visited her sister, Mrs. Edith Hanson, at No. 214 65th Street, Bath Beach, July 31. She remained a week, but Wednesday, on the pretense of mailing a letter to her mother, she slipped away from the home of her sister. Not until her mother received her letter in this morning's mail has any clue been found. The Bureau of Missing Persons admitted they had been unable to trace the girl's movements.

GERMAN DESTROYER SUNK.

Observed Off Zebrugge by British Air Forces.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—British air forces observed a German destroyer sunk eight miles off Zebrugge yesterday, the Admiralty announced to-day. The destroyer probably was sunk by a British mine, the statement said.

25,000 MEN, 400 GUNS, MANY TOWNS TAKEN; 11 GERMAN DIVISIONS UTTERLY DEFEATED

KEEP FOE RUNNING AND HIT HIM HARD, SAYS GEN. MARCH; FOCH WON'T LET UP IN DRIVE

Time for America's Greatest Effort in War Has Arrived.—Gen. O'Ryan in Flanders.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10. — The Franco-British drive in Picardy has put the enemy again in a bad position, similar to the pocket which closed up on him on the Aisne-Marne front, Gen. March said to-day in his weekly conference with newspaper correspondents.

The whole battle line from Rheims to Flanders is being straightened out and the time has come for the greatest effort, Gen. March said.

Marshal Foch is following the sound military principle of hitting without relaxation, said the General. "When you get the enemy going, keep him going."

Although the British War Office has announced it, Gen. March had no official information that American troops are participating in the drive in Picardy, which already has enabled the Allied forces to bring the enemy's main line of communication under gun fire.

Any suggestion that the end of the war is at hand should be discouraged, the Chief of Staff said, but the time has come to keep the enemy running and to hit him hard. The greatest advantage to the Allies is that they have taken the offensive and keep the enemy guessing instead of guessing themselves.

The Chief of Staff read a confidential report showing that the British had taken in the first days of the drive more prisoners than they could handle and also had captured all enemy artillery in their immediate front. The report added that a Ger-

AMERICAN SCHOONER SUNK BY SUBMARINE OFF CAPES

Crew of Stanley L. Seaman Reaches Newport News on British Vessel.

NEWPORT NEWS, Aug. 10.—The American schooner Stanley L. Seaman, bound from Newport News to a foreign port, was sunk last Monday 110 miles east of Cape Hatteras by a German submarine, Capt. W. C. McAloney and crew of eight men arrived yesterday at this port, having been picked up by a British vessel.

The Seaman, Capt. McAloney said, was fired on without warning while becalmed about noon Monday. The crew took to the boats, but were later permitted to return for provisions, and then put off in a gasoline launch. The members of the submarine crew looted the schooner before sinking her with a bomb.

SHIPPING LOSS BY U BOATS IN MEDITERRANEAN DECLINES

Italian Marine Minister Says Five Submarines Have Been Sunk Recently.

ROME, Aug. 10.—Admiral Debono, Minister of Marine, in an interview to-day said that shipping losses as the result of U boat operations in Mediterranean and Adriatic waters are only a tenth of what they were last year, due to the achievements of the navy.

"Last year the number of targeted ships averaged 5 per cent," he said. "This year it averaged 1.5 of 1 per cent."

Regarding enemy losses, in addition to U boats which there is reason to believe were either damaged or sunk, the Admiral said that in the last few months five enemy submarines were sunk and the crews of some captured.

OFFICER'S WIFE KILLED.

Brooklyn Woman and Child Struck by Lightning in Connecticut.

NEW LONDON, Aug. 10.—Mrs. Morris Lesman, twenty-three, wife of Lieut. Lesman, who is with the Expeditionary Force in England, and her child, Herbert, four, were killed by lightning at Oakdale, six miles north of this city, on Friday evening.

Both were residents of Brooklyn.

French Gain Four Miles on Sixteen-Mile Front Above and Below Montdidier in Six Hours, and Force von Hutier's Army to Retreat—Still Progressing This Afternoon.

British Strike in the Centre and Force a Retreat There—Entire Divisional Headquarters Staff Captured at Lihons—Allied Total Killed, Wounded and Missing Are Only 6,000.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Capture of Montdidier, approximately the apex of the German salient in Picardy, is announced in late bulletins from headquarters in France.

An advance of four miles on a front of sixteen miles, between Montdidier and the Oise, is also reported. Paris announces that von Hutier's German army is in retreat on the line between Montdidier and Noyon, a distance of twenty-five or thirty miles. To this is added the statement that his retreat was cut off by the capture of Faverolles.

An Associated Press Despatch says the guns captured by the Allies are now nearly 400 in number. It also says the Allied forces captured many towns, a large quantity of material and a complete German divisional headquarters and staff at Lihons. The number of prisoners this morning was close to 25,000.

North of the Somme the Allies, after taking Chipilly Spur, have gone on driving the enemy before them. Numerous tanks and "whippets" assisted the advancing infantry to smother the enemy's resistance.

Further south the French advanced rapidly and increased their number of prisoners as they pushed their line forward. Last night British airplanes dropped large quantities of bombs in areas behind the German line.

The Germans are now well back toward the Somme, south of Peronne. With this stream at their back and the Allied guns and airplanes pouring shells into the crossings over the Somme, the position of the enemy is serious.

It is reported that the bridge over the Somme near Peronne has been broken. This fact, when taken in conjunction with the congested condition of the German transport service, will cause much difficulty to the enemy should he intend crossing the river.

ALLIED LOSSES ONLY 6,000.

The Allied casualties, including all the killed, wounded and missing, are less than 6,000, or not more than one-fourth of the number of prisoners counted. On the other hand, the German casualties have been tremendously heavy. The German communications have been so disorgan-

AMERICANS HELP BRITISH IN WINNING STIFFEST FIGHT IN THE PICARDY OFFENSIVE

Reach All of Their Objectives, Including the Important Town of Morlancourt, Says To-Day's London War Office Announcement.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—American troops are participating in the Picardy drive, the British War Office announced to-day. Co-operating with the British, they took all their objectives, including Morlancourt, where the Germans had made their stiffest resistance and held up the left wing of the Allied drive.

(Morlancourt, which is four miles south of Albert, between the Ancre and the Somme, formed the northern flank of the Allied drive. The town was reported captured early in the attack, but the British later were evidently driven out.)

Enemy counter attacks in the Morlancourt sector which followed the Anglo-American success were beaten off in intensive fighting.

American troops delivered an attack in the angle between the Somme and the Ancre and achieved a considerable success.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 10 (Associated Press).—American troops have been thrown into the fighting in the great battle on the Amiens-Somme district. They succeeded in overcoming a stiff resistance and helped the British capture important positions in an attack launched yesterday between the Ancre and the Somme. The American machine gunners and infantry went into battle with their traditional enthusiasm. They met the Germans and defeated them here just as they did along the Marne. At places stiff persistence developed, but all along the line the Americans, British and French smashed through the harassed enemy who was trying to hold up their advance.

ized that thus far only two divisions of reserves have been identified, and these new troops have not been able to make any impression on the advancing Allies.

Eleven German divisions have been not only defeated in the fighting of the last three days, but so utterly crushed that the German higher command has been unable to make any counter stroke anywhere.

The latest news from the French was that they had captured the towns of Saulchoy and Davescourt. Saulchoy is about five miles northeast of Montdidier.

RAPID ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH.

French troops attacked at 4 o'clock this morning and at 10 had scored the advance of four miles. Montdidier had been surrounded by 9 o'clock, according to news received shortly after noon to-day.

The French line at that hour ran through Faverolles, Piennes, Rollet, Cuvilly, Ressons-sur-Matz and Vimont. This line puts Montdidier behind the French line.

The German retirement is under heavy pressure from the French armies. Information received in London at 2